MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No certificate is necessary.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has he been medically examined?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I is not necessary under the G. O.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Does not the recent G. O. insist that there must be unquestionable public grounds? Is this not against the G. O.?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The extension is not against the G. O.

Extension of Service to Mr. V. Subba Aiyar.

130. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil, Mr. Subba Aiyar, has been given an extension of service for the third time?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to part (*a*) of question No. 129.

Remission of Import Duty on Pictures for Church Use.

131. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Excise Commissioner has recently given orders to the Assistant Excise Commissioner, Alleppey, and the Customs Inspector in charge of the Alleppey Customs House, that no duty need be realised on pictures and other articles imported for the use of churches?

(*b*) If so, has the Commissioner asked for and obtained the sanction of the Government for the same?

(*c*) If sanction has been given, has the necessary notification exempting such articles from customs duty been published in the *Gazette*?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) and (*c*) Under the Import Tariff Notification, (item No. 102), statuaries and pictures intended to be put up for public benefit in a public place are exempt from payment of duty, and on a reference from the Excise Commissioner whether statuaries and pictures imported for being set up in churches would be covered by this exemption, Government have decided that they would be. No separate notification is, in the circumstances, necessary.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): May I know whether the pictures are intended for use in the churches or for sale?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They are for use in churches.

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